

# *The Newport* **Navalog**

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MC3 David Danals/U.S. Navy photo

The amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge (LHD 3) passes by the Statue of Liberty as it steams up the Hudson River during the Parade of Ships for Fleet Week New York 2008 last week. More than 4,000 Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen participated, including Navy Band Northeast and the Coast Guard cutter Ida Lewis, one of three buoy tenders at Naval Station Newport. Story, more photos, Page 7.



## Cutters pass training tests

The Afloat Training Group, Norfolk, puts two NAVSTA-based Coast Guard cutters through their paces in emergency drills.

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## HM2 lauded by WAVES

A hospital corpsman at Naval Health Clinic New England is named the R.I. Military Woman of the Year.

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## Museum given WWII albums

The family of a World War II photographer donates his remarkable photos of wartime to the Naval War College Museum.

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USCGC photo

The Coast Guard cutter Willow, right, assigned to Pier 2 Naval Station Newport, takes her sister buoy tender Juniper in tow in a training exercise offshore.

## Afloat Training Group drills cutter crews in emergencies

By LT.J.G. J. MAKOWSKI  
USCGC JUNIPER (WLB 201)

Two local Coast Guard cutters, the Juniper and Willow, recently completed Tailored Annual Cutter Training (TACT), the Coast Guard's version of Refresher Training (REFTRA) or Tailored Ship's Training Availability (TSTA).

Navy and Coast Guard personnel from Afloat Training Group (ATG) Norfolk traveled to Newport for the two week assessment of the cutters' crews and training teams. Ship's training teams in six different warfare areas: navigation, seamanship, engineering, damage control, medical, and communication, develop realistic scenarios for the crew in an effort to gauge its ability to respond to in-port and underway emergencies.

During these drills, crewmembers receive training and recommendations from subject matter experts from ATG who also grade the training teams and review each drill plan.

Drills conducted by both units included man overboard, major fuel oil fires in the engine room, hull damage with compartment flooding

and even abandon ship scenarios.

The two weeks of training culminated with the most elaborate drill known as the "mass conflagration" which pushes the entire crew to its limit. Juniper's mass conflagration simulated an attack from another vessel resulting in five personnel casualties, flooding in a forward compartment, and a fire in an aft compartment. Junior members were forced to step into leadership positions of which they were unfamiliar.

A highlight of the training occurred when Juniper and Willow demonstrated their ability to safely and properly take one another into tow.

Both vessels also rigged the 200-foot long tow to transfer a fuel hose, which could be used to transfer fuel from one unit to the other.

Lt. Cmdr. Rick Wester, Commanding Officer of Juniper, commended his crew at the TACT debrief.

"Despite being at anchor for several days just a mile north of our pier, your continued dedication and unflinching enthusiasm ensured a successful TACT." Juniper and Willow completed their respective

TACTs with average drill scores above 98 percent and both units were highly commended for their positive attitudes and obvious preparation efforts.

## Contest winner proud daughter of military dad

Laura Husak, 10, of Newport has won U.S. Family Health Plan's Month of the Military Child Writing and Drawing Contest, announced Catherine LaRoche of Teak Media Communications in South Boston. Laura will receive gift cards to Applebee's and Island Cinema 10 in Middletown.

Her father, Capt. Michael Husak, is the Coast Guard adviser to the Naval War College, where he is also teaching.

What is it like to be a child of an active duty parent?

In celebration of April's Month of the Military Child, U.S. Family Health Plan invited children to express their appreciation for their active duty parents or family friends, or convey their feelings.

Children were invited to draw a photo or write a short story. Teens wrote a story of 800 and 1,000 words.

Laura's essay follows:

By Laura Husak

"My dad is in the military. He

is a Coast Guard captain and is now working as a teacher for the Naval War College in Rhode Island. He has also sailed on many ships.

"My mom, my brother, and I would always watch my dad sail away from the pier until he would disappear into the horizon. He would usually miss my birthday and Christmas, but I always knew that he was catching drug dealers and helping the world be a safer place. Still, I would miss him a lot.

"Moving is also part of being in the military, and I would say the hardest, because I have to leave all my friends. But my father has always influenced me to keep an open mind to everything and so I do but still it is very, very hard.

"My father has been in the military for 28 years and soon will retire, but for now I am proud to be a child of a military dad."

**Chapel of Hope Schedule of Services**

**Sunday**  
0745 & 1000 - Protestant Services  
0900 & 1800 - Roman Catholic Mass

**Friday**  
1730 - Jewish Service